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Week of September 15 - 21, 2008

AGRICULTURAL SUMMARY: Limited precipitation with cold nights.

Crop progress behind normal.

Range and pasture conditions improved slightly.

The precipitation Wyoming received last week was limited. The state experienced warmer days with cool nights. High temperatures ranged from 70 to high 80's. Low temperatures were in the low 20's to high 40's. Topsoil moisture levels rated adequate or better decreased to 65 percent, 3 points below the previous week but 29 points up from the average.

	This Week	Last Week	Last Year	5-Yr Avg
Topsoil				
Very Short	2	3	25	22
Short	33	29	40	42
Adequate	64	66	34	35
Surplus	1	2	1	1

CROP PROGRESS TABLE

Item	This Week	Last Week	Last Year	5-Yr Avg
Barley Harvested	95	89	98	99
Oats Harvested	97	92	97	96
Winter Wht Planted	89	72	94	85
Winter Wht Emerged	38	12	67	52
Corn Milked	97	90	98	99
Corn Dough	85	73	93	91
Corn Dent	58	40	77	72
Corn Mature	16	0	39	31
Corn Silage	49	27	60	66
Dry Beans Turning	97	84	97	98
Dry Beans Windrowed	49	26	75	68
Dry Beans Combined	23	9	46	43
Alfalfa Hay Second Cutting	97	94	100	99
Alfalfa Hay Third Cutting	29	21	55	48
Other Hay Harvested	96	93	100	100

IRRIGATION WATER

	This Week	Last Year	5-Yr Avg
Very Short	0	33	26
Short	12	17	26
Adequate	88	50	47
Surplus	0	0	1

FIELD CROP REPORT: During last week an average of 6.2 days were suitable for fieldwork. Crop conditions remained the same and crop progress was behind the average. Ninety-five percent of barley was harvested, 3 points below the previous year and 4 points below the average. Oats were rated harvested at 97 percent, no change from the previous year and 1 point up from the 5-year average. Winter wheat was planted at 89 percent with 38 percent emerged, 29 points below the previous year and 14 points below the average. Dry beans were concluding turning color with 49 percent windrowed and 23 percent combined, 23 points below 2007 and 20 points below the average. Corn was concluding the milk stage with 85 percent in the dough stage, 58 percent dented and 16 percent mature, 23 points below 2007 and 15 points below the 5-year average. Forty-nine percent of corn has been harvested for silage, 11 points below the previous year and 17 points below the average. Ninety-seven percent of the alfalfa has been cut for the second time with 29 percent cut for the third time, 26 points below last year and 19 points below the average. Almost all other hay has been harvested.

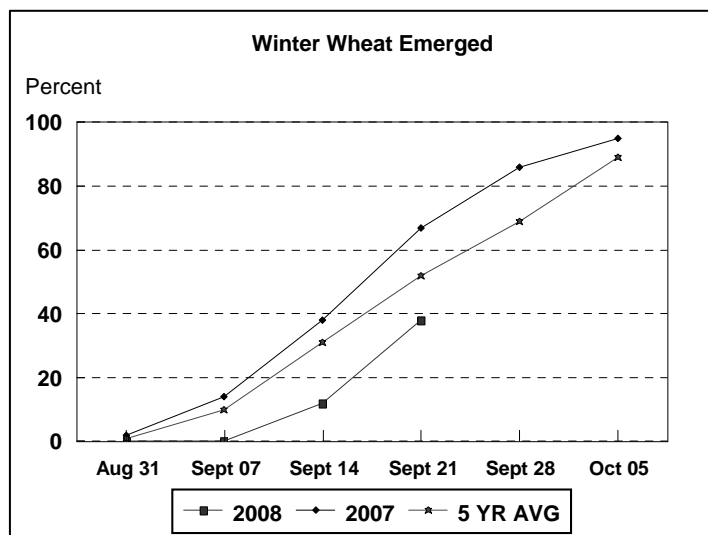
CROP CONDITION TABLE

Item	V Poor	Poor	Fair	Good	Excel
Corn	0	2	23	75	0
Sugarbeets	0	1	17	82	0
Dry Beans	0	0	15	84	1

LIVESTOCK, PASTURE, AND RANGE REPORT: Range and pasture conditions were reported at 42 percent good or better, which increased by 1 point from last week and was 19 points above the average. All livestock conditions were reported at a minimum of 83 percent good or better.

RANGE AND PASTURE FEED

	This Week	Last Week	Last Year	5-Yr Avg
Very Poor	2	2	7	21
Poor	11	13	27	24
Fair	45	44	35	32
Good	34	34	27	21
Excellent	8	7	4	2



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WEATHER SUMMARY: Temperatures during the week ending Sunday, September 21 averaged above normal in all of the reporting stations. Average temperatures ranged from 2 degrees above normal at Rawlins and Old Fort Laramie to 10 degrees above normal at Buffalo-Johnson and Buford. The high temperature was 89 at Lance Creek while the low was 21 degrees at Shirley Basin. All but two of the reporting stations reported below normal precipitation. The cumulative precipitation was low in 17 of the 33 reporting stations. The largest amount of the precipitation was reported in Jeffrey City at 0.28 inches, 0.07 inches above normal and Thayne at 0.28 inches, 0.14 below normal.

Weather Data for the Week Ending Sunday, September 21, 2008 ^{1/}

	Weekly Air Temperature				Weekly Precipitation			Since Jan 1 Precipitation	
	Hi	Lo	Avg	DFN	Total Inches	Normal Inches	DFN	Total Inches	DFN
District 1									
Cody	82	48	64	8	0.00	0.28	-0.28	7.80	-1.04
Dubois	77	30	54	5	0.19	0.28	-0.09	7.95	0.20
Greybull	86	40	64	9	0.00	0.21	-0.21	5.48	-0.56
Jeffrey City	81	31	56	4	0.28	0.21	0.07	6.86	-1.68
Lake Yellowstone	70	27	48	6	0.13	0.35	-0.22	11.63	-3.60
Lander	84	43	63	7	0.13	0.28	-0.15	11.18	1.08
Powell	83	35	61	7	0.00	0.21	-0.21	5.53	-0.35
Riverton	82	43	62	7	0.04	0.21	-0.17	6.81	0.36
Worland	85	41	63	5	0.00	0.21	-0.21	6.31	-0.05
District 2									
Big Horn	84	40	63	8	0.00	0.35	-0.35	15.07	3.64
Buffalo-Johnson	84	45	65	10	0.00	0.35	-0.35	12.93	1.83
Gillette	87	40	65	9	0.00	0.35	-0.35	14.60	1.50
Mid-West	86	36	61	5	0.00	0.21	-0.21	13.83	2.85
Newcastle	85	36	61	3	0.00	0.24	-0.24	19.55	6.43
Sheridan	87	38	63	7	0.00	0.35	-0.35	12.48	0.93
Sundance	85	38	64	9	0.00	0.28	-0.28	17.89	2.73
District 3									
Big Piney	76	34	54	7	0.08	0.21	-0.13	4.13	-1.82
Evanston	77	43	60	9	0.09	0.34	-0.25	6.08	-2.46
Jackson Hole	77	30	55	5	0.23	0.28	-0.05	12.34	-2.97
Thayne	78	31	54	5	0.28	0.42	-0.14	6.86	-6.48
District 4									
Casper	84	33	61	6	0.00	0.22	-0.22	10.19	0.06
Laramie	75	34	54	3	0.27	0.21	0.06	8.36	-0.87
Rawlins	78	36	57	2	0.14	0.21	-0.07	5.55	-1.95
Rock Springs	77	44	60	8	0.04	0.21	-0.17	5.52	-1.59
Shirley Basin	76	21	49	3	0.00	0.23	-0.23	8.46	0.10
District 5									
Buford	79	39	58	10	0.03	0.35	-0.32	16.02	3.47
Cheyenne	78	38	59	5	0.03	0.35	-0.32	13.18	-0.10
Chugwater	84	34	59	5	0.00	0.28	-0.28	14.34	1.21
Douglas	86	38	62	6	0.04	0.28	-0.24	9.82	-0.60
Lance Creek	89	36	63	6	0.00	0.21	-0.21	10.64	-0.61
Old Fort Laramie	84	33	58	2	0.15	0.26	-0.11	10.94	-0.38
Torrington	85	38	63	5	0.02	0.31	-0.29	11.83	0.19
Wheatland	88	36	62	4	0.00	0.29	-0.29	14.14	3.09

1/ Summary based on NWS data. DFN=Departure from Normal. Precipitation (rain or melted snow/ice) in inches. Air Temperatures in Degrees Fahrenheit. Weather data prepared by AWIS, Inc. For more weather information visit www.awis.com or call 1-888-798-9955